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House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Steven T. Mnuchin
Secretary of the Treasury
Department of the Treasury
1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20220

The Honorable Charles P. Rettig
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service
1111 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20224

Dear Secretary Mnuchin and Commissioner Rettig:

I write to request that you consider extending the 2020 federal tax filing deadline because of the recent outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the economic uncertainty it has caused American businesses and workers.

As you know, President Trump declared COVID-19 a national emergency. Numerous state and local governments have implemented social distancing requirements, including the closure of certain businesses, to slow the spread of this virus. While necessary, these drastic and unprecedented measures are causing significant financial hardship for all Americans.

Under current law, the IRS can extend the tax filing deadline up to six months. The agency has exercised this authority in the recent past when it helped Americans in the wake of devastating hurricanes. Taking this action now would relieve American taxpayers during this unpredictable and stressful period.

I appreciate your consideration of this request. Timely assistance and guidance for American families and businesses is crucial during this national crisis.

Sincerely,



Mike Kelly
Member of Congress